

Today your child participated in an art appreciation lesson!

Today we presented *The Bath* by Mary Cassatt. Mary Cassatt (1844-1926) was an American artist most well known for painting pictures of women and children, her favorite subjects. She lived in Paris and joined the Impressionists artists. We discussed what the students saw in the painting and how some artists try to paint what they see to capture a "snapshot" in time. We also discussed the "elevated vantage point" and the "cropping of forms" in the painting.

After our discussion, the students became artists! Since we studied *The Bath*, we did bubble painting. We mixed washable paint, dish soap and water in a small cup and then blew bubbles with a straw. Once the bubbles were exploding out of the cups, we gently touched a piece of paper to the bubbles.

Hope you enjoy their works of art!

Bubble Painting

Materials you will need:

5oz plastic cups or small bowls

Plastic straws

Liquid tempera paint (washable)

Liquid dish soap

Water

Tag board or other thick paper

Smocks

Wipes for clean up (the kids will have paint freckles)

Mix 3 parts tempera paint, 2 parts dish soap and one part water in a cup for each color you are using (we gave each child two colors). Put a straw in the cup and gently blow bubbles to about ½" or 1" above the rim of the cup. A notch cut into the straw can help prevent the kids from sucking up any paint. Gently touch a piece of paper to the bubbles. Lift the paper to see your bubble painting. Repeat!